



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: AN ENGAGING ELEMENT USEFUL	)	
FOR SECURING OBJECTS, SUCH AS	)	
FOOTWEAR AND OTHER FOOT-	)	
RECEIVING DEVICES	)	

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and continued examination of this patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

No amendments to the Abstract, Specification, or Drawings are made by this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the "Listing of Claims," which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.